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With a history dating back to the beginnings of tourism here, the building is rich in memories. From the time it started as a luncheonette in 1920 right up to the present, it has remained most famous for shoo-fly pie, served warm with whipped cream. The Dutch Haven shoo-fly pie has even been mentioned in a *TIME* magazine article.

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Yes, Dutch Haven is much more than pies, with over 10,000 unique gift items, foods, and collectibles. Some of the most popular are jams, jellies, and canned goods,

noodles, Amish pine furniture and cedar chests, hex signs, quilted spice mats, Amish straw hats, jewelry and gemstones, Dutch Delft tiles, Amish dolls, onyx and soapstone animals, trivets, metal stars, Tiffany lamps, Amish romance novels, framed prints, plenty of T-shirts and postcards, and a tremendous selection of Amish-made outdoor furniture. It's an eclectic mix, to say the least.

As you explore, you'll discover lots of other "surprises" around every corner. Expect the unexpected! And don't forget the Amish-style root beer in the barrel.

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When they were little girls, Jessica and her sisters were all taught how to drive buggies from a young age, and learned how to take care of horses from their dad.

Ride Through Our Covered Bridge

All of the buggy rides pass through our covered bridge. As Jessica always says, "We know you came here more than anything to see and understand how and why we live the way we do. Take a ride with us. Let us tell you all about it, too. After all, we live here."

"You don't have to pass one piece of ground that isn't farmed with a horse when you take a ride with us!" —Jessica's Dad

The buggy rides depart from the covered bridge of Plain & Fancy Farm. You'll see a little red covered bridge along the side of Route 340, exactly a mile and a half from either Bird-in-Hand or Intercourse. Completely surrounded by Amish farmland, there are different scenic routes offered. All of the rides are reasonably priced, starting at just \$10 for adults and 6.00 for kids, 12 and under. No reservations are needed. Just pick your ride when you arrive.



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Jessica likes to stress the authentic nature of the rides. "We can take you between the house and the barn on a private working Amish dairy farm, where no other rides are permitted. You see real Amish life. We absolutely offer you more!"

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Jessica's dad, who has driven thousands of visitors down Amish farm lanes over the last 30 years, was three years old when he had his first recollection of a horse. He guesses he has driven a carriage more than anyone else in Lancaster County, about 10,000 miles a year!

Enjoy the beautiful countryside of Lancaster County with its immaculately kept Amish farms and gardens. Experience for yourself a taste of Amish Country life here.

Many visitors love our special PRIVATE RIDES! It is the ultimate thing to do in Amish Country and will be the highlight of your visit! You can reserve a real Amish buggy and tour through the countryside getting all your questions personally answered by your driver. You can visit an Amish farm, pass by a water-powered historic mill and stop at an Amish roadside stand for snacks. We customize it for you. We have had surprise engagements on our buggies, and small family reunions. Prices vary by length of ride. You are welcome to call 717.723.0478 or email us for more info. Private rides are available Monday through Friday, and Saturday mornings.

Kids love buggy rides, especially getting to sit up front next to the drivers! As one visitor from Long Island said, "This is our fifth time here this year. We love it here. Since my son woke up this morning Aaron & Jessica's is all I've heard" So, if your kids are driving you buggy, let Aaron & Jessica take over the reins for a while! Look for the little covered bridge along Route 340 at Plain & Fancy Farm, midway between Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand.

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The Bird-in-Hand Stage is thrilled to present the new musical *The Home Game*,

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The Home Game

In this new musical, young Levi Troyer must choose between his father's expectation of an Amish life and Levi's own dreams of playing major league baseball. Filled with laughter and drama, this moving and entertaining account is sure to hit it out of the



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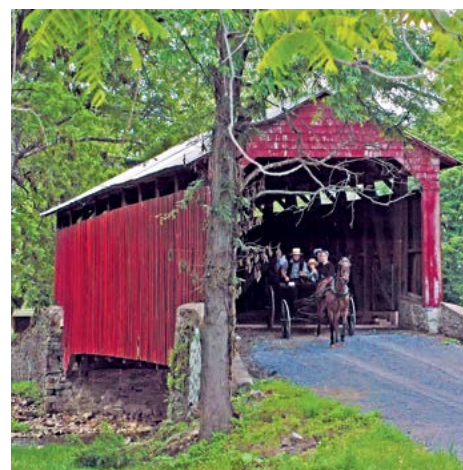
Calling All Photographers! 2018 Amish Country News Photo Contest

Amish Country...one of the most photographed areas in the world. With so much beauty and variety around us, it's no wonder! Think you've got a great photo? Send it to us! The winner receives free tour and attraction tickets. In addition, you will see your photo in the pages of Amish Country News! Other prizes will also go to the first, second, and third runners-up be judged on quality, color, subject matter, etc.

All submitted photos become property of Amish Country News and the Amish Experience. Photos may also be used in upcoming issues, other publications, and/or for other promotions. Keep in mind that these photos are for publication, cannot be returned, and should depict a scene, aspect, event, or activity typical to Lancaster or the Pennsylvania Dutch Country region.

We accept photos via email, and request no more than 10 photos by the same person be submitted. Each photo filename should contain your name (josmith_amishphoto.jpg.) Please Include your name, title of all photos, address, and phone number. Any details on the location, date, or subject matter of the photograph should also be included.

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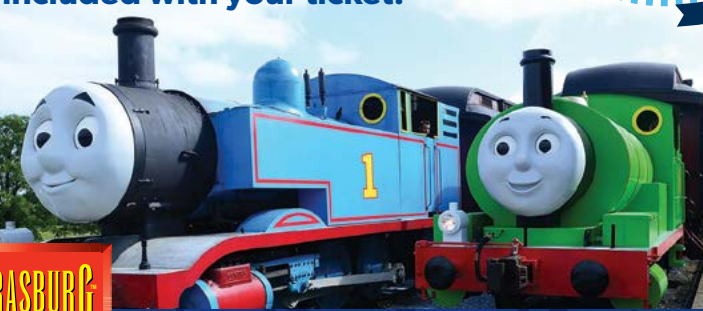


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A ride on the historic Strasburg Rail Road, pulled by an authentic steam locomotive, is a "must do" for visitors to Amish Country. Photo Credit: Donna Gingrich

Named for the city in France, Strasburg is often referred to as "Train Town." In the 1700's, the village was on major commercial wagon routes. In the 1850's, a rail line connecting it with the Philadelphia and Columbia main line near Paradise helped keep the town's commerce active. And a hundred years later, to save the steam locomotives from demise, a group of local enthusiasts turned to passengers and visitors to keep America's oldest short-line running as the now famous Strasburg Rail Road. Not surprisingly, Strasburg is now home to several wonderful train related attractions. All aboard! 🚂

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If you are reading this on or before June 16, then I highly encourage you to plan some time to attend a truly unforgettable yearly event, the annual Lancaster County Auction to benefit the local Clinic for Special Children. The auction will be held on Saturday, June 16 at Leola Produce Auction, 135 Brethren Church Road, Leola, PA.

Each year this special auction for the Clinic, which provides medical and laboratory services to children born with rare genetic disorders, especially among the Amish and Mennonite communities, brings together thousands of people from both the Plain and non-Plain communities who share a festive day of food, fun, and bidding.

The auction, which is open to all interested members of the community, begins at 7 am with breakfast being served. Bidding starts at 8:30 am at different locations throughout the auction house for the thousands of donated household items, handcrafted furniture, crafts, toys, garden plants and farming equipment.

Plenty of food for sale throughout the day includes chicken barbecue, pork sandwiches, homemade pies, doughnuts, and whoopie pies. Because almost everything is homemade, or prepared on-site, you find an amazing array of delicious foods. It's almost worth going just to see the crew making thousands of donuts right there before your eyes. It doesn't get any fresher than that!

Highlighting the day's events are remarks made by the Clinic physicians to the waiting crowds; followed by bidding on the dozens and dozens of decorative quilts, handmade and donated by Amish and Mennonite women. The remarks can get quite emotional, and the quilt bidding is the highlight of the day, full of all the excitement one would expect at a benefit auction for a good cause.

First organized by a volunteer committee of parents and their friends in 1991, the auctions are now held in five locations. The other auctions are Mifflinburg, Shippensburg and Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, and Shiloh, Ohio, and together they raise more than a third of the nonprofit's fundraising total.

Primarily supported through community fundraising events and donations, the Clinic for Special Children was founded in 1989 and serves more than 1,050 active patients. To date, its laboratory has identified more than 260 different pathogenic gene changes disproportionately represented among the Plain people, but also found outside of Plain communities. Over the years, countless lives have been saved.

Whether you are a local or a visitor, you'll probably be interacting with more Amish than you have ever seen in one place, with rows of buggies, kids playing, pretzels being twisted, ice cream being made, and bids flying fast and furious. It really is an unforgettable experience, and couldn't be for a better cause. Visit www.clinicforspecialchildren.org for more information. 

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Get Hooked on a Bun at Mr. Sticky's

By Clinton Martin

Anywhere German settlers lingered in America, indelible edible roots are planted deep into the fabric of the community. It's why words such as Bratwurst and Wiener Schnitzel are household words throughout today's diverse American cuisine.

In Amish Country, the table is spread wider with even more Germanic influences, which doesn't surprise anyone with a passing knowledge of Amish history. Hundreds of years after the first Amish settlers came to America, today's Amish still continue to use a German dialect, known as Pennsylvania Dutch (although there's nothing Dutch about it), as their primary language.



One of the most delectably sweet and satisfying treats that the PA Dutch have introduced to America is the wonderful sticky bun. While many bakeries will make these "Schnecken," as they were originally called, there's one baker that makes an extremely addicting sticky bun. That's Mr. Sticky's Homemade Sticky Buns, a family-owned, independent baker, located at 501 Greenfield Road, Lancaster.

Various flavors are available, and a nice hot cup of coffee pairs well with any of them. Don't be surprised if you end up taking a box home with you!

The bakery is a walk-up and sit-outside kind of place, with beautiful shade trees creating a welcoming atmosphere. Located directly in front of the Discover Lancaster Visitor Center, there is plenty of free parking and modern restroom facilities. Mr. Sticky's is open daily except Sunday. Call 717.413.9229 for more information. 

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The Amish in Their Own Words

Vol. 2 – Part Nine • • •

by Brad Igou

Several years ago, I started working on a second volume of THE AMISH IN THEIR OWN WORDS, my book compiled from Amish writings in “Family Life” magazine. Since then, for many reasons, my project of producing “Volume 2” remains in limbo. Nevertheless, because I had begun to read and compile articles, I have decided to share some of them with you again this year as a continuation of my 2017 Amish Series. This month you’ll read selections themed around lessons learned from personal experiences in life.

“Those Who Have Gone Before”

Jerry E. Miller

When I think back to my childhood, I recall the great influence many older people of that day had upon my life. Those people have now lived their lives and have long since passed away. But their influence lives on, and continues to be an inspiration to me. Some of them were an example in neatness, some in promptness, others in thrift. But what I treasure most is the concern they had for my life, as well as for others all around them.

The desk where I am writing right now was built by an elderly bishop for whom I have nothing but respect. He was a very influential man and a powerful speaker. I remember many times he preached with tears running down his cheeks. I can’t remember when I first heard him preach, but I do remember it made me want to be a good little boy. Years later he performed the marriage ceremony when my wife and I were married, and now he’s been gone for a good many years. But hardly a week goes by that I don’t remember...what he stood for.

My mind travels back to my childhood and I see another person, one who had an even greater influence upon my life. My

mother is only a memory now, and I can see her bustling around the cozy kitchen with a baby in her one arm and getting supper ready for a troop of hungry little children. Settling an argument here and there, she undoubtedly had all she could do to keep peace in our family of thirteen children. My mother was not perfect, but to a group of hungry little boys she was nothing short of, well, how should I say it...lovely.

We learned so many things from her that a pen could not write it all in one day. She taught us promptness by example, and tried to teach us neatness, too. I’m not sure she always got the point across on cleanliness to us boys! To all of you who still have your mother with you, let me encourage you to cherish her while she is still living.

And how I cherish the memories of my two grandfathers! They were nearly the same age, only a year’s difference, but they also had something in common. They were both good singers and tried to pass the old slow tunes on to the next generation.

I had the privilege to learn from them, and I did learn some hymns, but now I wish I had learned many more. When on his deathbed, one of my grandfathers said, “I only wish to learn one more song --- the one that will be sung before the throne of God, which no man can learn except those which are redeemed from the earth.” (Revelation 14:3) I will never fail to be touched by that remark as long as I live.

“A First Grade Lesson for Adults”

First grade is considered the lowest rung in education, but most of the important basis of living a good life I learned in the first grade. True wisdom does not always come after expensive years of education. It can be found in the simple lessons of grade one. So, what did I learn in my first year at school?

To read the Bible in the morning
and sing a few hymns.

To do my work well.

To play fair; let others have a turn.

To not use other people’s things
without asking.

To say “thank-you” and “please.”

To look out for each other and help
the slow ones.

To walk on the right side of the road.

To tell the teacher if I did something wrong.

Wouldn’t this world be a nice place if all of us lived up to what we were taught in the first grade? Are we on the right side of the road in our homeward travels? And, if we do wrong, it is still best to tell the Teacher.

My Cozy Kitchen

B. Zimmerman

My kitchen is a cozy spot
On the coldest winter day,
A wood fire burning in the range,
Close by, the children play.
The fire crackles and its snaps,
So pleasant and so warm,
And round about we gather
Whenever there’s a storm.

My kitchen is a favorite spot,
Waiting while our supper cooks;
And Daddy in the rocking chair
Is showing Baby books.
While I am by the counter top
Preparing all the food,
The bread and pies are baking
And smell so very good.

My kitchen is a cozy spot
When winter days are here.
For there, when evening comes, I find
Our family all are near.
The table where we gather round,
Morning, noon, and eve ---
The sink where dirty dishes
Are washed and scrubbed till clean.

My kitchen is a favorite spot,
When all I love so dear
Are gathered round about me,
And I know that they are near.
So my heart is overflowing,
Here within my kitchen nook.
For I’m surrounded by God’s love,
Everywhere I look!

Next Month: Habits Good and Bad

HISTORIC LITITZ – A HOMETOWN TREASURE

A Snack Food Birthplace

By Brad Igou

We Americans love our snack foods, particularly chips and pretzels. In fact, Pennsylvania Dutch Country, especially York and Lancaster County, are known nationally for brands like Herr's and Snyder's.



But did you know that the birthplace of the pretzel in the United States was right here in Lititz? In fact, when someone says Lititz most of us here immediately think of pretzels and the name Sturgis. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World here. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.



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A tour of the historic bakery is unlike any other. Inside, you get to try your hand at pretzel twisting. It's not as easy as it looks. Guests also may see the old brick bake ovens, as well as the more modern facilities.

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Very Special Quilts Made in Amish Country? See Them at J&B! By Clinton Martin

Most visitors to Amish Country understandably expect to discover a treasure trove of quilts and crafts made by the Amish.

Over the last sixty to seventy years, word has spread throughout the world that the Amish are industrious folk, making things with their

hands, and rather anachronistically eschewing some modern technologies designed to make manufacturing easier and faster.

So it's not surprising that a brand new lovingly, carefully stitched quilt, months in the making, seems nostalgic and precious in this mainstream, fast-paced world. For Amish women these quilts are practical household necessities, while for us they are extravagant works of art, treasured as pieces of folk creativity.

Whatever your interest in quilts, J&B Quilts is a must-visit. It is a lovely little shop on the farm of an Amish family. Many different designs are offered for sale, or visitors can place their own custom order to be quilted exclusively for them. All items at the store can be shipped home, and J&B even offers layaway, so visitors can pick out their favorite quilt, and pay it off in installments bit by bit. So while making a quilt can be a long and complicated process, buying one need not be!

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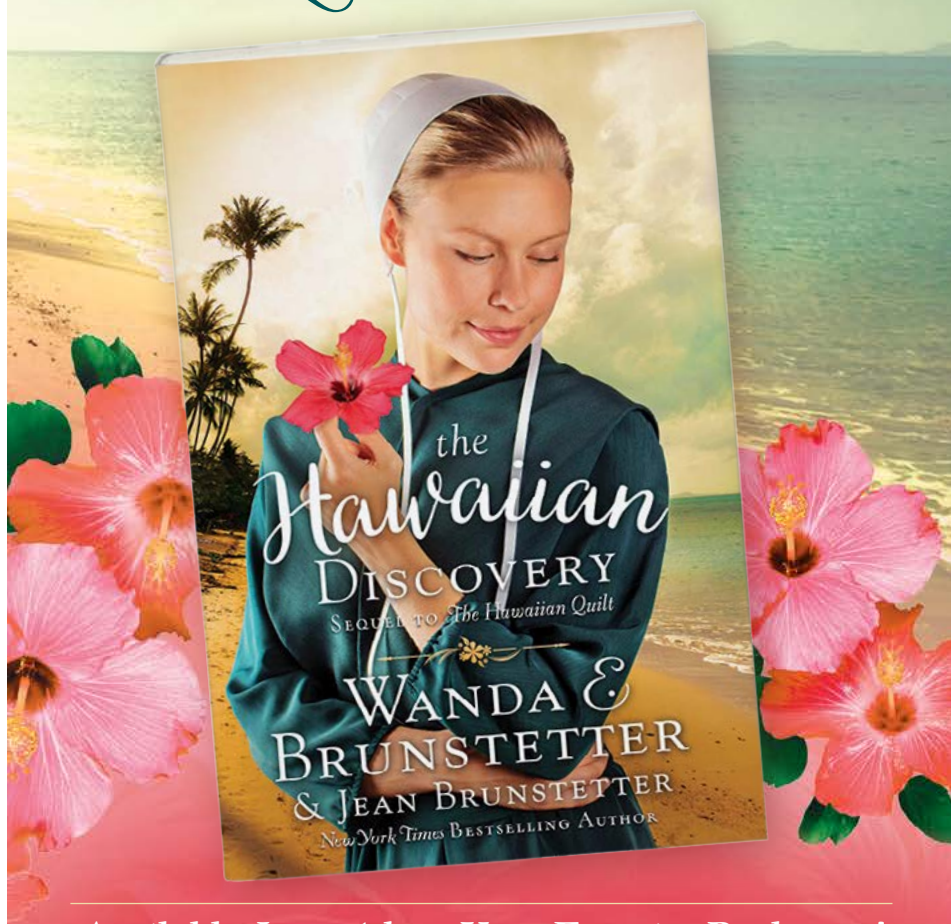
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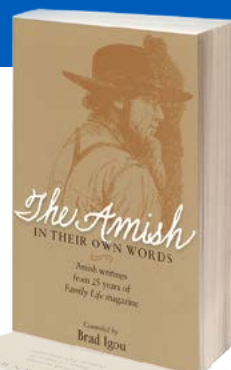
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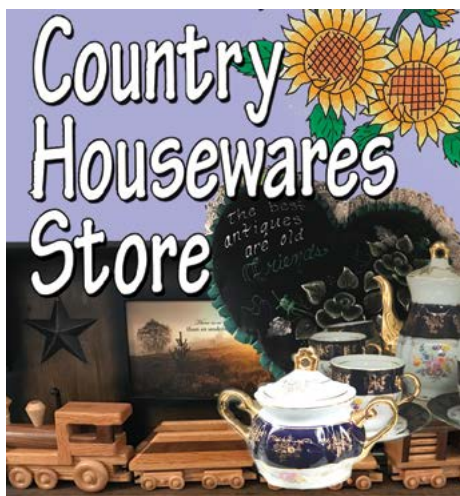
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Celebrate the U.S. of A. at Lake In Wood

By Clinton Martin

Any time of year is a perfect occasion for camping at Lake In Wood Resort, but the annual Fourth of July weekend is one of my favorite times to book a site at this naturally beautiful resort. Friday June 29th through Tuesday July 3rd, you'll discover even more entertainment and festivities beyond the immense variety of amenities available all season long.

You can enjoy the Golf Cart Parade, when campers decorate their golf carts in all kinds of fun ways, or scarf down some grilled hot dogs and hamburgers in the resort's large meadow. (Frequent campers will recognize Chef Mike working his magic.)

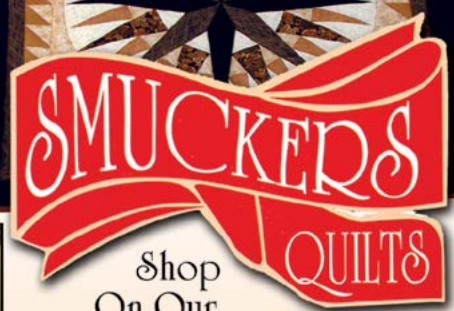
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By Clinton Martin

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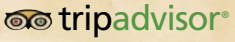
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By Clinton Martin



When Amish Country first popped up on the map as a visitor destination in the 1950s, family-style dining quickly became the most popular way to experience the culinary traditions of the Amish, Mennonite, and other PA Dutch communities.

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Turkey Hill Experience: A New Way to Do a "Factory Tour"

By Clinton Martin

If you've visited Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, Hershey's Chocolate World, or Mount Hope Estate & Winery, you've already tasted some of the best of "made in Amish Country." But, if you miss the Turkey Hill Experience, you'll be missing one of our most unique attractions.

The Turkey Hill Experience is not a guided tour — it's an indoor interactive attraction that you explore any way you like. There is no one correct way to see everything. You and your family simply investigate each intriguing interactive station in the order you want, spending as much time as you'd like in each area of the Experience.

Although there are no actual ice cream or iced tea products being made at the Turkey Hill Experience, you will discover how they are created through a fun and interactive set of exhibits and stations that no factory tour can offer.

For example, you can produce and star in your own TV commercial, milk mechanical cows, and develop your own virtual ice cream flavor ideas. Another area tells the Turkey Hill Dairy story through maps, videos, and a dairy exhibit featuring a milk display. You'll learn how the Frey Family started Turkey Hill Dairy from very simple beginnings right here in Lancaster County.

There are also lots of opportunities for kids to run, jump, and play their way around the Experience. And now you can enjoy tea tastings, or make your own ice cream flavor in the new Taste Lab!

The Turkey Hill Experience is just minutes from the heart of Amish Country, on the western boundary of Lancaster County. It is built on the site of an old silk mill in the town of Columbia, 20 minutes from Downtown Lancaster and 15 minutes from York, along the scenic Susquehanna River.

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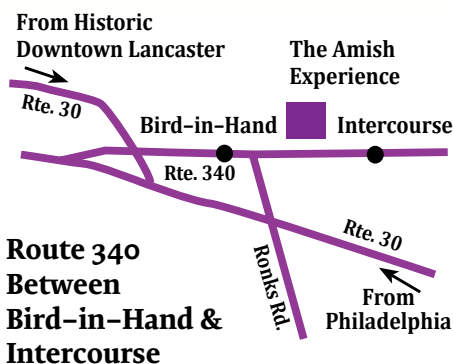
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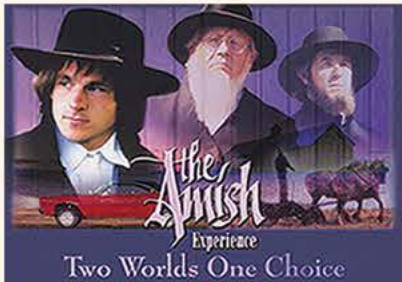


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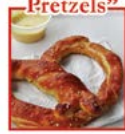
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Saturday, June 23, the Celtic Fling Feis, officially sanctioned by the North American Feis Commission, will welcome over 1000 Irish Dancers ranging from beginner to champion. Irish step-dancing as we know it today can be traced back to traveling dance masters of 18th century rural Ireland. Each developed their own "steps" and competed against each other for the opportunity to teach in different regions.

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Also on Saturday, Fling visitors can enjoy the athleticism of traditional Celtic sports at the Highland Games taking place in the Faire site's Jousting Arena. Officially sanctioned by the Mid-Atlantic Scott Athletics Association, professional competitors are assigned points according to

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Sunday's events will begin even before the Fling gates open with an Irish breakfast and a Catholic Mass held in the new Barn & Barrel area of Mount Hope Estate between Swashbuckler Brewery and Mount Hope Winery. A ticket is not needed for the Mass.

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By Clinton Martin

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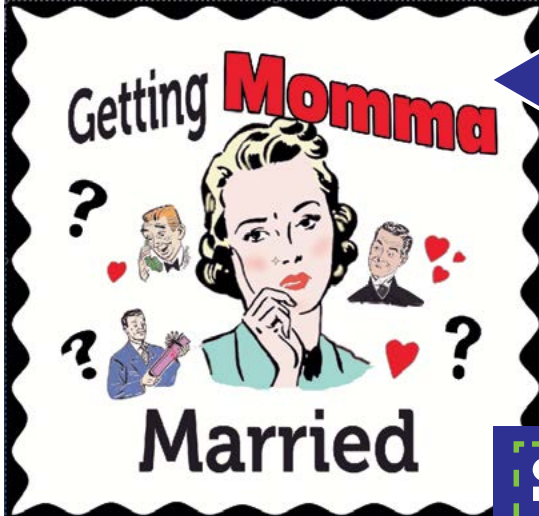


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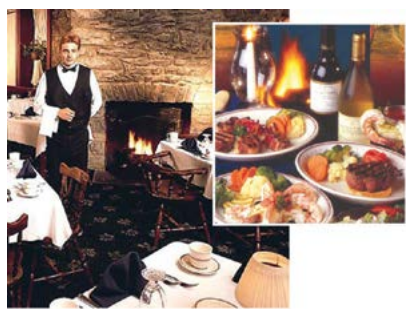
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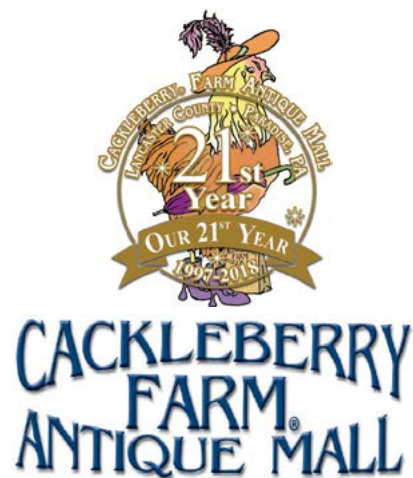
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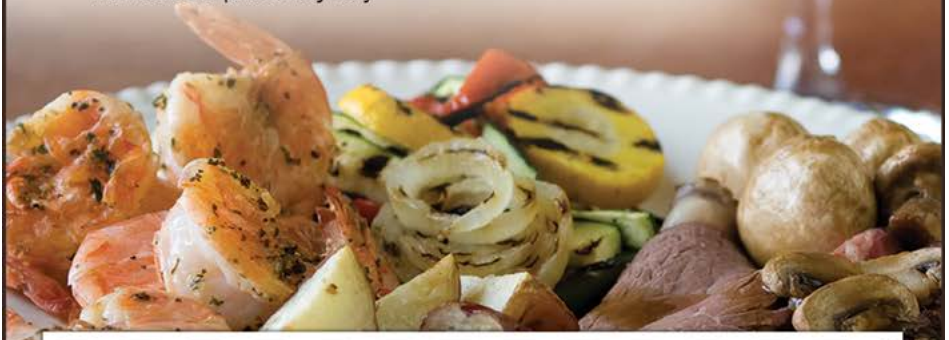
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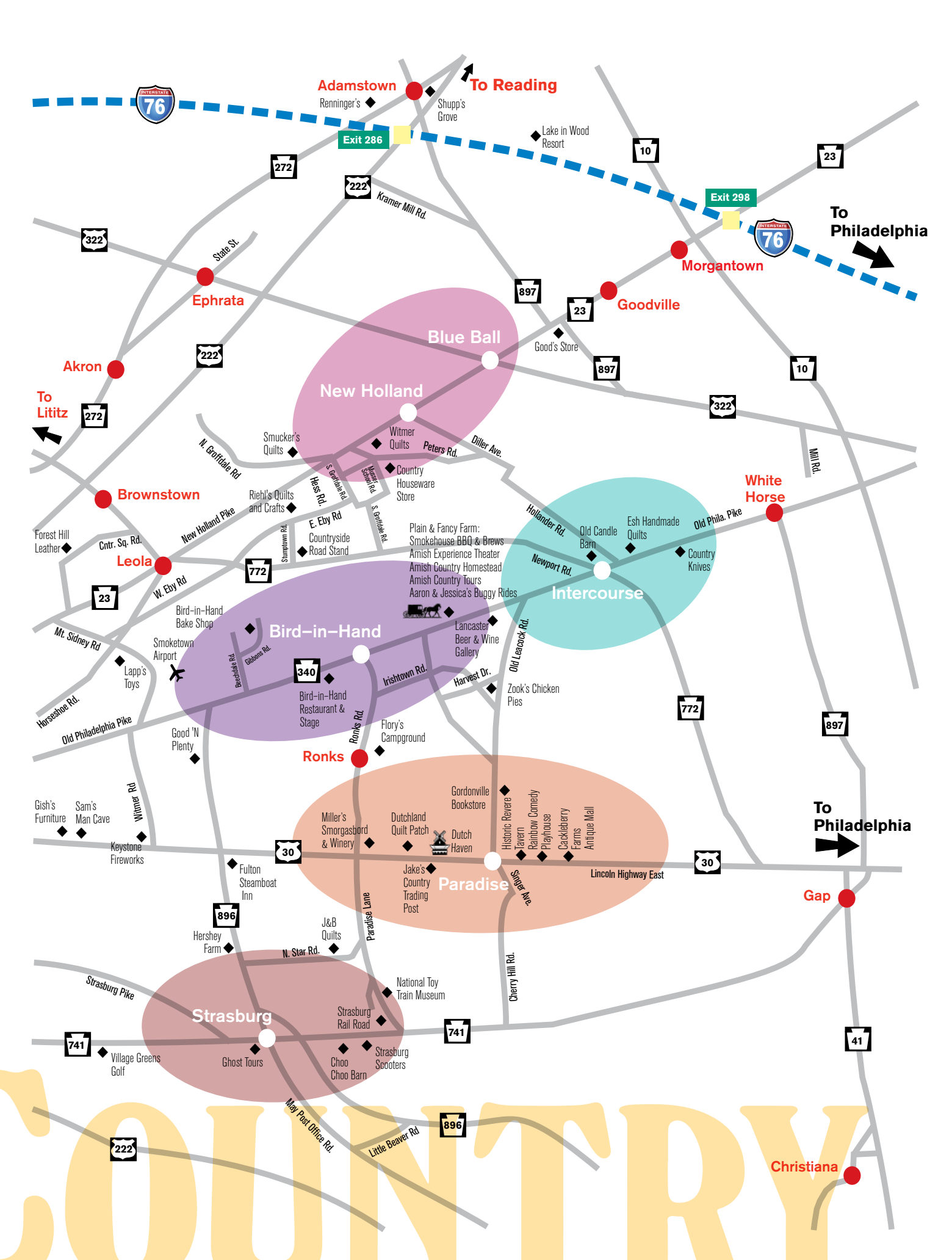
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I have often written about the incredible diversity of places and experiences that make Lancaster County and Amish Country "unique"... a too-oft overused word, to be sure.

But on May 5th, visitors here would have thought they had arrived in a different part of the world, perhaps even of the universe. Many locals, too, were taken aback as they drove through the city. For there, walking our streets were creatures and characters that were from another time and place...and I don't mean the Amish!

Amish, India, and Anime

By Brad Igou



That weekend was the now annual Zenkaikon, a celebration of anime and sci-fi that attracts people from across the nation for three days of events. "Dedicated to promoting

the knowledge and enjoyment of Japanese art, animation, and culture as well as science fiction and fantasy literature and films of all origins, from its founding, the convention and the organization have always been run 'by fans, for fans' with an all-volunteer staff."

The average reader may be familiar with "Pokémon," but at this convention you'll find an entire universe of characters, foreign to most of us, but including some more familiar faces, including those from STAR WARS, for example.

Those who attend are indeed true fans. They dress up in elaborate costumes that might shock you as one comes unexpectedly around the corner. But I found the fans courteous, full of fun, and happy to pose for photos.

Still, after shopping in our historic Central Market across the street, where there are a few Amish and Mennonite stand-holders in Plain garb, this was quite a surprise on a Saturday morning. It was a very colorful and festive parade of characters and I enjoyed just taking it all in. But soon it was time for me to continue my journey that evening to another port of call...India.

"Ustav" is a celebration of Indian culture produced by the Indian Organization of Lancaster. This is an event I now look forward to every year, with ladies wearing beautiful "saris," Indian music and dance that ranged from classical to Bollywood, and a show that integrated other cultures from the local community. And then there was the delicious food. If you ever want a contrast in cuisines, try going from Pennsylvania Dutch to Indian in one day. It's a real wake up call to those taste buds!

As I walked to my car after the event, I saw a few "monsters" and bizarre creatures sitting and enjoying a late night drink in one of the downtown coffee shops, a few of them on their iPhones and iPads. The convention had ended, but I still almost had to pinch myself that I was in Amish Country, if not on another planet.

So I once again reflected on this special place where I live, home and host to people of many cultures and diverse visitors, where on one day in May I experienced more than I could have ever imagined. As I went to bed that night, my head was swirling with the sights, sounds and flavors of a place I love, and the many people and experiences to be treasured and shared. 



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